(SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Aggregate additional originating revenue collected upto 31st March, 1991 was as under:—

	(Rs. in thousand*s)
Nadikude to Bibinagar	3,46,12
Guntur to Macherla	1,30,90£

£Amount pertains to the period May/1990 to March/1991 with reference to the corresponding period before conversion

Improvement in the production and efficiency of Steel Industry

807. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times o August 11, 1991 regarding improvement in the production and efficiency of the Steel Industry; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No such news item appeared in the Hindustan Times on the 11th August, 1991, though there was such an item in the paper on 13-8-1991.

(b) There is indeed a need to improve productivity and efficiency of the Indian Steel Industry. Efforts in this context include better raw material preparation, ensuring the sustained supply of right quality of inputs, modernisation and technological upgradation of plants, expansion of units to economic size, and greater efforts at human resource development including training in higher technological work culture conducive to higher production and productivity. Governmental policy and action thrusts are aimed in this direction.

Privatisation of inefficient Mines

808. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise inefficient mines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, in what manner Government propose to finance such loss making mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal. However, if mining is not carried out by the lessee in accordance with terms and conditions of the mining lease, the lease can be determined according to the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act.

(c) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश तथा बिहार में बेरोजगार व्यक्ति

809. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय**: क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश तथा बिहार में बेरोजगार लोगों की अलग अलग संख्या कितनी है; और

(ख) इन दो राज्यों में विभिन्न रोजगार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत बेरोजगार लोगों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें पिछले वर्ष के दौरान रोजगार उपलब्ध कराया गया है ;

श्रम मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवर): (क) और (ख)

30.6.1991 की स्थिति के अनुसार उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार में रोजगार कार्यालयों के चालू रजिस्टर पर नौकरी चाहने वालों, यह अनिवार्य नहीं कि उनमें से सभी बेरोजगार हों, और 1990 के दौरान रोजगार कार्यालयों के माध्यम से की गई नियुक्तियों की संख्या नीचे दी गई है :—

(लाखों में)

	30.6.91 की स्थिति के अनुसार चालू रजिस्टर पर संख्या	1990 के दौरान नियुक्तियां
उत्तर प्रदेश	29.92	0.19
बिहार	34.17	0.16

810. *[Transferred to 12th September 1991].*

811. *[Transferred to 12th September 1991].*

Forcible Occupation of Property of a Destitute Widow by MCD

812. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have directed the Commissioner MCD to release the premises of Freedom Fighter's destituted Widow's Smt. Wirawali; and

(b) if so, whether said directions have been complied with; if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) While no directions have been issued, two letters were received on this issue: one from the OSD to the then Prime Minister on 30 May 1989 to LG, Delhi and another from OSD to the then Minister of State (Home) on 6th June, 1991 advising MCD to vacate the premises in question.

(b) The advice could not be complied with as a school with 600 children is functioning in the premises and there is no space nearby where the school can be shifted.

Stoppage of construction work of Chhapra-Bagaha Railway Line/bridge

813. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of chappra-Bagaha Railway line and Bridge has been stopped;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are also responsible for the stoppage of the work; and

(d) whether the work would restart into consideration in public importance of this project; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is no Chhapra-Bagaha line under construction. However, work on Chittauni-Bagaha line and bridge is in progress.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The progress of work has been slowed down since the Governments of U.P. and Bihar have not contributed their share of funds for 90-91 and 91-92 so far.

(d) Work is being progressed to the extent funds (provided by Railways and Ministry of Water Resources) are available.

Coconut Cultivation

814. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to expand and improve Coconut Cultivation; and